(c) The Central Government is concerned as the estimated sugar production in the current sugar season 2009-10 is expected to be substantially lower than the overall consumption requirement of sugar in the country. In order to meet the demand-supply mismatch, the Central Government has allowed import of white/refined and raw sugar at zero duty to overcome the shortage. However, there is no proposal to import sugar on Government account.

(d) and (e) The Central Government is concerned with rise in sugar prices and has taken a slew of measures to augment availability as well as to moderate prices of sugar in the open market is given in the enclosed Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to USQ No. 174 part (c)]

Storage infrastructure of FCI

179. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the storage infrastructure for wheat, rice, etc., procured annually by FCI, are adequate and safeguards are adopted by them to avoid wastage during storage;

(b) the total storage capacity of FCI, State-wise;

(c) whether new storage capacity are being created to take care of procurement of cereals by State Governments, if they approach FCI, in this regard; and

(d) whether North-East States have storage capacity for the wheat, rice, etc. to maintain buffer stock as per norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As on 30.10.2009, FCI is having 278.59 lakh MTs of storage capacity and the total stocks held are 214.46 lakh MTs. If wheat procurement in RMS 2010-11 follows the trend of procurement in RMS 2009-10, the present storage capacity may not be adequate to store wheat stocks. To avoid wastage during storage, the stocks are stored in scientifically constructed godowns/plinths and they are chemically treated periodically.

(b) The State-wise storage capacity available with FCI as on 31-10-09 is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below).

(c) The State Governments of DCP States have to create storage capacity on their own to meet their annual TPDS/CWS requirements. In the non-DCP States new storage capacity is proposed to be created by FCI for wheat & rice.

(d) As on 30-10-2009, FCI in North East Zone is having a total storage capacity of 4.43 lakh MTs as against average offtake of 2.1 lakh MTs per month. As per the present norms, each State should have a storage capacity of 4 months offtake which includes two months of buffer stocks, one month of strategic reserves and one month of operational stocks. Based on the above formula, the total requirement in North East Zone is 11.78 lakh MTs (at 75% Utilization). Thus the storage gap comes to 7.35 lakh MTs.

To bridge the gap, in the 11th Five Year Plan the Planning Commission has approved Rs.24 crores, as Grants-in Aid to be given to the North Eastern States, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir for construction of storage godowns.

Statement

State-wise storage with F.C.I. as on 31.10.2009

(Fig.in Lac Tonnes)

Zone	Sl. No.	Region/U.T.	Covered							CAP						
			FCI Owned	State Govt.	CWC	Hired SWC	Private Parties	Total Hired	Total Covered	Owned	Hired	Total	Grand Total	Stocks Held	Utliza-tion (% Age)	Vacant Space
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
East	1	Bihar	3.66	0.03	0.66	0.89	0.48	2.06	5.72	0.43	0.00	0.43	6.15	4.02	65	2.13
	2	Jharkhand	0.66	0.02	0.13	0.16	0.20	0.51	1.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.03	88	0.14
	3	Orissa	2.93	0.00	0.76	2.90	0.15	3.81	6.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.74	4.55	68	2.19
	4	West Bengal	8.59	0.19	0.95	0.00	0.87	2.01	10.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.60	8.32	78	2.28
	5	Sikkim	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.10	91	0.01
		Total (E. Zone)	15.94	0.25	2.50	3.95	1.70	8.40	24.34	0.43	0.00	0.43	24.77	18.02	88	6.75
N.E.	6	Assam	2.07	0.00	0.18	0.10	0.37	0.65	2.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.72	2.00	74	0.72
	7	Arunachal Pradesh	0.18	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.03	14	0.19
	8	Meghalaya	0.14	0.00	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.12	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.23	88	0.03
	9	Mizoram	0.22	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.17	74	0.06
	10	Tripura	0.29	0.05	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.39	76	0.12
	11	Manipur	0.20	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.12	50	0.12
	12	Nagaland	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.13	65	0.07
		Total (N.E.Z)	3.30	0.10	0.46	0.15	0.37	1.08	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.38	3.07	57	1.31
North	13	Delhi	3.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.36	0.31	0.00	0.31	3.67	2.59	71	1.08
	14	Haryana	7.68	3.84	2.16	3.97	2.18	12.15	19.83	3.33	0.05	3.38	23.21	16.23	70	6.98

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	15	Himachal Pradesh	0.14	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.19	76	0.06
	16	J & K	1.03	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.26	1.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.29	1.04	81	0.25
	17	Punjab	21.84	0.23	3.57	31.64	4.07	39.51	61.35	6.44	3.42	9.86	71.21	48.94	69	22.27
	18	Chandigarh	0.40	0.00	0.46	0.20	0.00	0.66	1.06	0.08	0.17	0.25	1.31	0.92	70	0.39
	19	Rajasthan	7.06	0.00	1.58	3.23	1.76	6.57	13.63	1.58	0.19	1.77	15.40	15.29	99	0.11
	20	Uttar Pradesh	14.95	0.07	2.22	4.06	0.23	6.58	21.53	4.69	0.10	4.79	26.32	16.94	64	9.38
	21	Uttarakhand	0.66	0.30	0.50	0.56	0.05	1.41	2.07	0.09	0.20	0.29	2.36	2.33	99	0.03
		Total (N.Z.)	57.12	4.65	10.54	43.66	8.40	67.25	124.37	16.52	4.13	20.65	145.02	104.47	88	40.55
South	22	Andhra Pradesh	12.66	0.10	4.20	15.94	0.96	21.20	33.86	2.62	0.00	2.62	36.48	28.88	79	7.60
	23	Andman Nikobar	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.03	43	0.04
	24	Kerala	5.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.17	0.20	0.00	0.20	5.37	4.25	79	1.12
	25	Karnataka	3.78	0.00	1.65	1.47	0.25	3.37	7.15	1.16	0.00	1.16	8.31	7.44	90	0.87
	26	Tamil Nadu	5.80	0.00	2.27	0.50	0.57	3.34	9.14	0.56	0.00	0.56	9.70	9.39	97	0.31
	27	Pondicherry	0.44	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.07	0.51	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.56	0.62	111	-0.06
		Total (S.Z.)	27.92	0.10	8.17	17.93	1.78	27.98	55.90	4.59	0.00	4.59	60.49	50.61	84	9.88
West	28	Gujarat	5.00	0.14	1.11	0.00	0.00	1.25	6.25	0.27	0.00	0.27	6.52	7.38	113	-0.86
	29	Maharashtra	11.77	0.13	2.22	2.12	1.17	5.64	17.41	1.02	0.00	1.02	18.43	13.73	74	4.70
	30	Goa	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.14	93	0.01
	31	Madhya Pradesh	3.37	0.57	1.65	2.55	2.90	7.67	11.04	0.35	0.00	0.35	11.39	10.88	96	0.51
	32	Chhattisgarh	5.12	0.18	0.34	1.70	0.10	2.32	7.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.44	6.16	83	1.28
		TOTAL (W.Z.)	25.41	1.02	5.32	6.37	4.17	16.88	42.29	1.64	0.00	1.64	43.93	38.29	87	5.64
GRAND TOTAL			129.69	6.12	26.99	72.06	16.42	121.59	251.28	23.18	4.13	27.31	278.59	214.46	77	64.13